

1-1 By: Villarreal, Ratliff (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 2694
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2013;
 1-3 May 9, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 15, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2694 By: Duncan

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the provision of credit by examination for public
 1-22 school students.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 25.092, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

1-26 (a-2) Subsection (a) does not apply to a student who
 1-27 receives credit by examination for a class as provided by Section
 1-28 28.023.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 28.023, Education Code, is amended to
 1-30 read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 28.023. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION. (a) Using guidelines
 1-32 established by the State Board of Education, a school district
 1-33 shall develop or select for ~~board~~ review by the district board of
 1-34 trustees examinations for acceleration for each primary school
 1-35 grade level and for credit for secondary school academic subjects.
 1-36 The guidelines must provide for the examinations to thoroughly test
 1-37 comprehension of the information presented in the applicable grade
 1-38 level or subject. The board of trustees shall approve for each
 1-39 subject, to the extent available, at least four examinations that
 1-40 satisfy State Board of Education ~~board~~ guidelines. The
 1-41 examinations approved by the board of trustees must include:

1-42 (1) advanced placement examinations developed by the
 1-43 College Board; and

1-44 (2) examinations administered through the
 1-45 College-Level Examination Program.

1-46 (b) A school district shall give a student in a primary
 1-47 grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one
 1-48 grade level on the basis of an ~~a board-approved~~ examination for
 1-49 acceleration approved by the board of trustees under Subsection (a)
 1-50 if:

1-51 (1) the student scores in the 80th ~~90th~~ percentile
 1-52 or above on each section of the examination;

1-53 (2) a district representative recommends that the
 1-54 student be advanced; and

1-55 (3) the student's parent or guardian gives written
 1-56 approval of the advancement.

1-57 (c) A school district shall give a student in grade level
 1-58 six or above credit for a subject on the basis of an ~~a~~
 1-59 ~~board-approved~~ examination for credit in the subject approved by
 1-60 the board of trustees under Subsection (a) if the student scores in

2-1 the 80th [~~90th~~] percentile or above on the examination or if the
2-2 student achieves a score as provided by Subsection (c-1). If a
2-3 student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an examination,
2-4 the district shall enter the examination score on the student's
2-5 transcript and the student is not required to take an end-of-course
2-6 assessment instrument adopted under Section 39.023(c) for that
2-7 subject.

2-8 (c-1) A school district shall give a student in grade level
2-9 six or above credit for a subject if the student scores:

2-10 (1) a three or higher on an advanced placement
2-11 examination approved by the board of trustees under Subsection (a)
2-12 and developed by the College Board; or

2-13 (2) a scaled score of 60 or higher on an examination
2-14 approved by the board of trustees under Subsection (a) and
2-15 administered through the College-Level Examination Program.

2-16 (d) Each district shall administer each examination
2-17 approved by the board of trustees under Subsection (a) not fewer
2-18 [~~less~~] than four times each [~~once a~~] year, at times to be determined
2-19 by the State Board of Education.

2-20 (e) Subsection (d) does not apply to an examination that has
2-21 an administration date that is established by an entity other than
2-22 the school district.

2-23 (f) A student may not attempt more than two times to receive
2-24 credit for a particular subject on the basis of an examination for
2-25 credit in that subject.

2-26 (g) If a student fails to achieve the designated score
2-27 described by Subsection (c) or (c-1) on an applicable examination
2-28 described by Subsection (c) or (c-1) for a subject before the
2-29 beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily
2-30 be required to enroll in a course in that subject in accordance with
2-31 the school district's prescribed course sequence, the student must
2-32 satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the
2-33 course.

2-34 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
2-35 school year.

2-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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